regarding deposit amounts collected in 1984 is not readily available.

(b) and (c) Since the company had not complied with the provisions of Residuary Non-Banking Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions 1987, an order was issued by the Reserve Bank of India on 7th August, 1992 prohibiting it from accepting fresh deposits. The Calcutta High Court has thereafter appointed three Joint Special Officers to take charge and administer the affairs of the company including preparation of a scheme for refund of money to the depositors.

Pilferage of Cheques

2688. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for letting go the Bombay accused of multi-crore racket involving pilferage and encashment of cheques and other financial instruments; and

(b) how the affected parties were compensated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have reported that two cases have been registered by their Bombay branch in this regard and after finalisation of investigation in one case a decision has been taken to prosecute the accused persons in Court of law. In the second case, investigation is in progress. The Banks concerned, where such wrongful encashment of third party cheques has taken place, have taken prompt disciplinary action against erring officials who facilitated such alleged fraudulent encashments.

(b) The Reserve Bank of India has advised the banks that once an irregularity has been committed by its staff towards any constituent it should at once acknowledge its liability and pay the just claim and not resort to unnecessary litigations. The banks concerned have already initiated necessary action for settlement of claims of the rightful beneficiaries.

Collection of Direct Taxes

2689. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimates and actual collection of Direct Taxes during the year 1993-94;

(b) whether there is any short-fall, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount spent by Government on Wages and Salaries for the Officers and Staff of Income Tax Department and the percentage of such expenses to the Revenue Collections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The information is given below:—

(Rupees in Crores)

	Budget Estimates 1993-94	Revised Estimates 1993-94	Actual Collection 1993-94
Corporation tax	10500	10500	9934
Income tax	9500	9500	9158
Interest tax	900	900	698
Wealth tax	200	115	139
Expenditure tax	150	190	217
Gift tax	10	5	4

(b) The main shortfall is in the Corporation tax/Income tax which is on account of higher refunds issued during 1993-94 as compared to 1992-93.

(c) The expenditure on Salaries and Wages for Officers and Staff of Income tax Department during 1993-94 was Rs. 235.12 crores (Provl.) and the cost of such expenditure to the revenue collection works out to 1.17 per cent.

Assistant Commissioners in Income Tax Department

2690. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Assistant Commissioners of Income Tax as on 31st March, 1994 in the Income Tax Department;

(b) what is the number of Direct Recruit Assistant Commissioners of Income Tax in the Income Tax Department;

(c) what is the number of Departmental Promotee Assistant Commissioners of Income Tax in the Income Tax Department; and

(d) why there is difference in the figure of Item No. (b) and item No. (c) when the ratio in Group-A Services is 50:50?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) 1672.

(b) 940.

(c) 732

(d) The percentage for filling up of vacancies stipulated in Rule 7(2) of Indian Revenue Services Rules, 1988 is with reference to vacancies and not posts and hence the difference in the figures indicated in (b) and (c) above.

Vacant posts in Income Tax Department

2691. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of sanctioned Posts in Group-A Services of Income Tax Department;

(b) what is the number of working strength in Group-A services of the Income Tax Department; and

(c) in case of short-fall, what action is being taken to fill vacancies in various cadres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) 3294 (including all reserves) in the Indian Revenue Service.

(b) 3026 as in January, 1994.

(c) Action to fill up the vacancies in different grades has been/is being taken by promotion of officers in the lower grades/direct recruitment at the level of Assistant Commissioner of Income-tax (Junior Scale) as per the provisions of Indian Revenue Service Rules, 1988.

Regular Departmental Promotion Committee

2692. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Personnel have issued instructions in the month of May, 1991 regarding Regular Departmental Promotion Committee for every Category in Central Services;